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1. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT FIVE AIRCRAFT WERE LOST DUE TO GROUND FIRE ON AIRSTRIKES OVER THE XOM BANG AND QUANG KHE AREAS OF NORTH VIETNAM ON 2 MARCH 1965. ^{RESCUE} RESCUE OPERATIONS WERE INITIATED AND FIVE PILOTS WERE RECOVERED.

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RESCUE OPERATION IN PROCESS 3.5 NAUTICAL MILES WEST SOUTHWEST OF XOM BANG, NORTH VIETNAM. A PARACHUTE IS VISIBLE IN THE TREE TOPS OF A HEAVILY WOODED AREA. TWO H-43B HUSKIE HELICOPTERS ARE OVER A CLEARING NEARBY AND AN A-1H SKYRAIDER IS CIRCLING THE AREA.

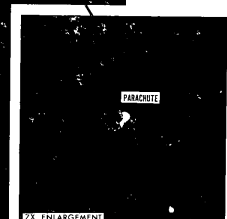
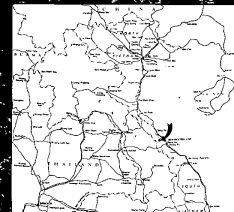
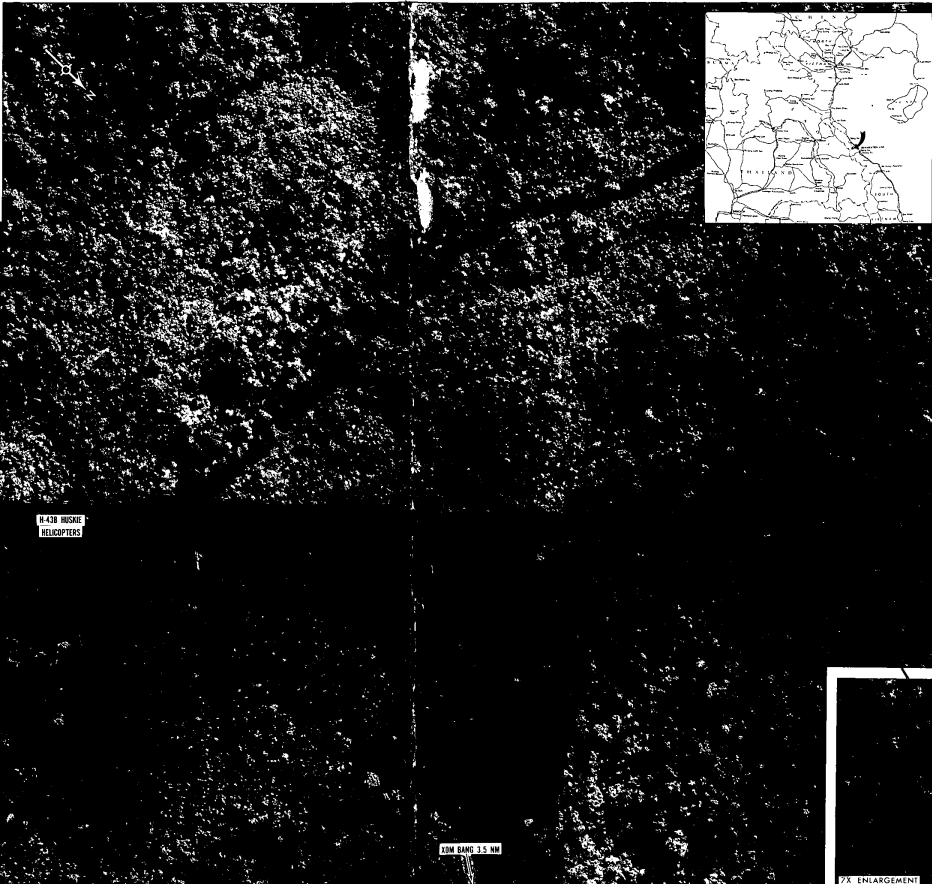
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